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<u>REMARKS</u>

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action rejected all presently-pending claims 1-9. Specifically, the Office

Action rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In addition, the Office

Action objects drawings, title, and specification. Applicants have amended claims 1-9 above, to

overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. After entry of the foregoing

amendments, claims 1-9 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those

claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections

The Office Action objects drawings, title, and specification. Applicants have amended

drawings, title, and specification, accordingly.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 6, and 9 to overcome rejections. Particularly in claim5

about antecedent, the first/second polarizing state switching mechanisms can be referred to claim

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After amendments, claims 1-9 should overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112,

second paragraph. The claimed invention is also distinguishable over the prior art references.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-9

overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and should be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims 1-9 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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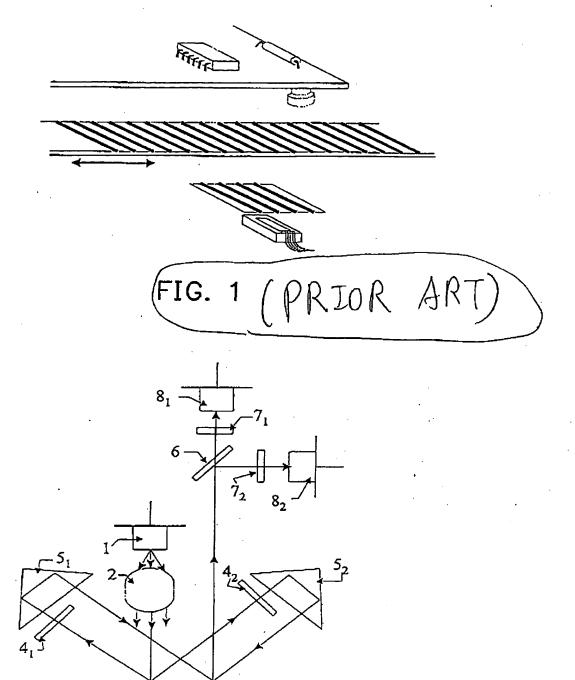
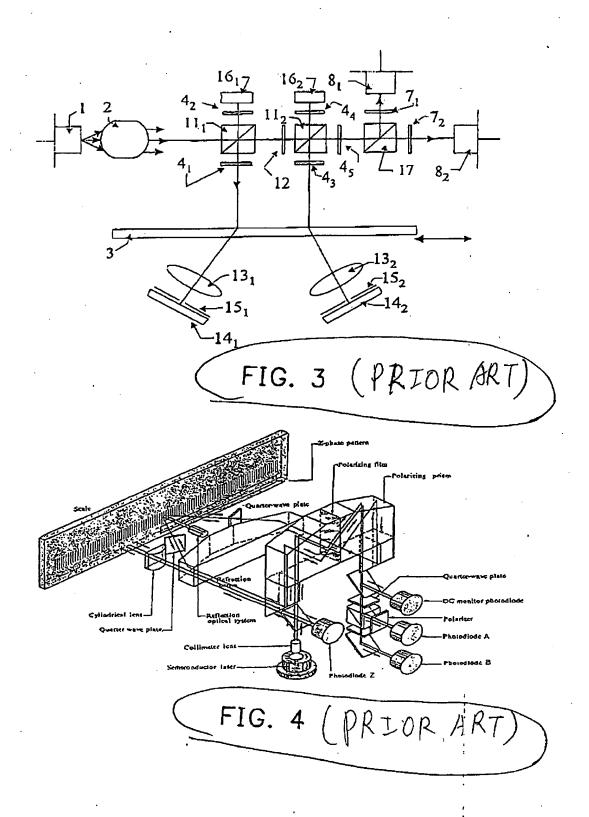


FIG. 2 (PRIOR ART)

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